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ON Munday the 29. of *August*, the Lord *Brooke*, the Lord *Gray*, Colonell *Hollis*, Colonell *Hampden*, and Colonell *Fines*, marched with their forces (consisting of about 6000. foot and four troopes of horse, and nine peeces of Ordnance) to a little Towne in *Warwickshire*, where they intended to stay that night, and the next day to march to *Coventry*, to aide and assist that distressed Citty against which the Cavalleers had planted Ordnance, and playd uppon the walls two dayes together, but had done no hurt at all, except the killing of one man that was of the Malignant party, and run out to have joyned himself with the Cavalleers, which in his passage was killed with a Cannon Bullet. And about seven of the clocke at night, when the Souldiers were ready to go to supper, (having marched hard all that day) news was brought that the Cavalleers were coming thither with a great strength; at which tydings the Drum beat, and every man was commanded to repair to his Colours; whereupon the Souldiers not minding any hunger, immediately marched forth of the Towne, being very joyfull to hear that they were likely to encounted with their enemies so soone, and they marched about a

mile from the Towne, being nine miles from *Coventry*, and there lay in the field all night having no further notice of the Army coming against them.

In the morning about five of the clocke, newes was brought that the Cavalleers had planted themselves about a mile and a halfe from them, in their passage towards *Coventry* on a plain; whereupon the Parliaments forces, presently began to march forward; and coming within sight of them, they perceived the Army lying still, on the side of a little hill, the Parliaments forces gathering up to the top of the said hill, came within two furlongs of the other Army, by which they obtained not onely the advantage of the hill, but the winde also. And when the Souldiers drew so neere that they could very well behold the Cavalleers, they shewed great expressions of joy, making an exceeding great shout, so that they made the Countrey ringe with the eccho of their hollowing and hooping, with other extraordinary acclamations of joy and gladnesse, holding their Hatts upon their Pikes and Muskets, which did much terrifie and amaze the Cavalleers, striking them with such coldnesse and astonishment; that they stood as if they found some inward wounds, not returning any answer, although the Souldiers told them that they would quickly have some of their Buffe Coates; and gave them all the affronts they could possible, being impatient to delay so much time untill their Commanders could put them into a posture of Martiall Discipline.

But the said Collonells and other Commanders, did wisely and discreetly order their said forces; drawing the Ordnance before in the middle, and placing the horse next to them, and drawing backe the foote; which taking up above an houres time, and the Cavalleers being there two houres before, they made a shoot expecting (as was conceived) that they should have offered an Imparlance. But assoone as the Parliaments forces were ordered, and

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the Cannons mounted; they gave fire to one of the Cannons, which made such a lane through the midst of the Cavalleers, that they were presently put into disorder, and the foot forces being about 200. ran all away.

Then the Cavalleers having two peeces of Ordnance, made a shot at the Parliaments Army, which put the Lord *Gray* in some danger, the Bullet grazing about sixteene foot before it came at him, and then mounted over him and the whole Army, not hurting one man, the Ordnance on the Parliaments side being still ready to make a reply; shot fourteene times not missing once, without the losse of some of the lives of the Cavalleers, and did so wound their horses, that some of them grew so mad, that they threw their Riders, drawing them up and down, with their heeles in the stirrup: The Cavalleers also shot off their two peeces of Ordnance twice over, but did not hurt one man, they shooting quite over the whole Army.

The four troopes of horse for the Parliament, begun also to wheele about, and to make towards the Cavalleers, which likewise made a shew of coming to meete them, being about seven troopes of horse, but before they came neere one another, the Cavalleers retreated backe againe, and gallopt away with all the speede they could, whereupon Captaine *Clarke* and seven more were taken prisoners, and Captaine *Legge* came ride in amongst the Parliaments forces like one in an amazement, and was arrested by them of high treason, and being apprehended, he said that he mistook his Colors, for he thought they had been some of the Princes troops, and that he thought he was bewitched.

Thus was the whole Army routed and put to flight, in lesse then the space of two houres fight, there not being one Musket shot off, on either side, and none left but such as were taken prisoners and a Drummer and some foure others, and six brave horses that were left dead in the place; they carrying away as many dead bodies as they

could, especially those of any eminency, and cast many others, as is supposed, into a river that runnes neere to the place where they were; for it is not to be conjectured by those that were in the battell, that there were kill'ed of the Cavaleers lesse then fourscore or one hundred, the place being exceedingly sprinkled with blood for the space of a mile and a halfe about.

It is credibly reported by the Countrey thereabouts that his Majesty was there in person, and the Prince, and divers Lords, as the Earle of *Northampton* and others, and Colonell *Lunsford*, that was a chiefe Commander in that service.

Some Pistols, Carbines, Saddles and other Ammunition were also left behinde them; but the two peeces of Ordinance they carried away with them although some peeces of the wheeles of their carriages were also found, which were broken off with the Canon shot; which by reason of the small number of Horse which the Parliament Forces had with them, they lost for want of pursuing after them.

It is also reported, that his Majesty went to *Leicester*, and from thence to *Nottingham* that night, and the Town not being able to make any opposition, having their Armes taken from them before, presently set up his Standard there, the Cavileers making what haste after they could; and when they came neere *Nottingham*, they plundred many houses, and tooke not onely Money and Plate, and such things, but also carried away so much as their Houshold-stuffe into *Nottingham* with them.

The Earle of *Northampton* also, with those Forces that were with him, that lay at *Warwicke* before the Castle, are also gone after the King to *Nottingham*, whereby that Countrey is now quite freed from the outrages of the Cavaleers.

After this Skirmish being thus ended (wherein Gods good hand of providence in prospering the proceedings of

the Parliament was miraculously shewed) the Parliament Forces marched straight along to *Coventry*; and before their coming into the Towne, all the Garrison that lay therein, being about 800. (two hundred whereof being Volunteers that came from *Burmegum* about twelve miles distant) came and met them without the Citie, and gave them a valley of shot, joyfully receiving them; as not knowing how sufficiently to expresse their hearty thankfulnesse for that service; and at their coming into the Towne, the common Souldiers found not a little kindenesse from all sorts of people, having all kinde of provision brought to them, without taking any money for it; and the next morning many Cart-load of Bacon, Cheese, Beefe, and other victuals were brought out of the Countrey adjacent, to relieve the Souldiers, who are very eager to follow the Cavileers; being very desirous to see them againe, hoping at the next on-set to prevent most of them from tuning away; saying they will be more watchfull now they see they are so good foot-men. But as yet the before-mentioned Commanders, with their whole Army lye still at *Coventry*, expecting to receive further Directions from the Parliament and his Excellency the Earle of *Essex*.

FINIS.

The PARLIAMENTS Resolution Concernings the KINGS *Most Excellent* MAIESTY.

THE Lords and Commons to witnesse their constant and unshaken loyalty and affection to his Majesty; doe solemnly declare, that if his Majesty shall immediately disband all his Forces; and be pleased to abandon all those wicked Counsels, and leave them to condigne punishment, and returne and harken to the wholesome advice of his great Councell; they will really endevour to make both his Majesty and his Posterity, as great, rich and potent; as much beloved at home and feared abroad, as any Prince that ever swayed this Scepter; which is their firme and constant Resolution.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that this Declaration be forthwith Printed and published.

Hen. Elsyng Cler. Parl. Do. Com.